



PLAZA NEWS



Miyazaki International Foundation

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©Plaza Holiday Closing

The International Plaza will be closed for the public holiday on February 11th (Tue).

Japanese Language and Exchange Class in Nichinan

*Registration Required, Free

Learn some useful Japanese for everyday life while having fun interacting with Japanese residents of Nichinan and Kushima! There is no minimum required Japanese language level or anything – anyone can join in.

◇Dates & Time: February 9th(Sun) 1:30 pm-3:30 pm

◇Venue: Meeting Room, “*Sokyakusojin center*”

◇Target Audience: People from overseas living in the south of Miyazaki Prefecture who would like to learn essential Japanese for daily life while interacting with local people.

◇How to Apply: Please send us your name, phone number, nationality and Japanese language level by fax or email. If applying by email, please make sure to write “Nihongo (Nichinan)” in the subject line.

◇Inquiries & Application: Miyazaki International Foundation

Disaster Preparedness Course for Foreigners

*Registration Required

Earthquakes are common in Japan, so it is best to be prepared. Please join us for this information session !

◇Date : Saturday, February 29, 2020

11:00 am to 4:00 pm

◇Venue: Miyazaki City Central Public Hall

(Chuo Kominkan)

(1-2-7 Miyazakiekihigashi, Miyazaki City)

◇Limited : 20 ◇Admission: Free

◇How to Apply: Send your ① Address ② Name ③ Phone number ④ e-mail address by telephone, fax or e-mail.

If applying by e-mail, please write "Disaster preparedness course" in the subject.

◇Inquiries: Miyazaki International Foundation



We are recruiting patrons!

Annual membership fee

Individual:2,000yen Group:10,000yen



Miyazaki International Plaza Counter Volunteer Recruitment

We are currently looking for volunteers from within Miyazaki Prefecture, 18 years of age or older, to work at the front counter of the Miyazaki International Plaza and assist Plaza staff.

To apply, interested parties should submit a completed application form by 3/7 (Sat).

In the case of multiple applicants, potential volunteers will undergo a screening process.

*Nationality will not play a role in choosing applicants. However, volunteers expected to speak some basic Japanese.

◇Volunteer Period:

4/7(Tue) to 9/30 (Wed) *Excluding Holidays

◇Volunteer Time:

One day a week from Tue to Sat from;

A. 10:15 am - 12:45 pm B. 1:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Volunteers will work on the same day and during the same time period from week to week.

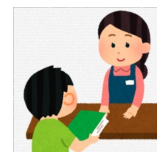
◇Tasks: Assisting Plaza visitors, assist in lending out and checking in library materials sending out documents, organizing library materials, arranging and forwarding used stamps, etc.

◇Others: Transportation expenses not covered;

no monetary rewards (*however, volunteer's insurance will be covered by the International Foundation and parking vouchers will be issued to volunteers making use of the CARINO Miyazaki Parking Lot)

◇Dead Line: 3/7(Sat)

◇Inquiries: Miyazaki International Foundation



Japanese Practice Sessions

*FREE, No Registration Required

◇Dates & Time: 10:30 am - 11:30 am

[Wed] 2/5, 2/12, 2/19, 2/26

[Fri] 2/7, 2/14, 2/21, 2/28

◇Location: CARINO Miyazaki B1F

◇Inquiries: Miyazaki International Foundation



A Message From the Miyazaki Support Center for Foreign Residents

We will exhibit photos taken by students at Miyazaki University some by Japanese students and some by exchange students from overseas.

You will be able to see what young people in Japan found interesting about traveling overseas, and what students from overseas find interesting about Miyazaki.

Feel free to stop by and check it out!



- ◇Date/Time: ① 2/8(Sat) - 2/15(Sat)
② 2/18(Tue) - 2/22(Sat)

*The photos displayed during each period will be different. The exhibition will be open from 10:00 - 19:00.

◇Venue: Free Space, Miyazaki Support Center for Foreign Residents

◇Contact: Miyazaki Support Center for Foreign Residents
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Local Announcements

«Nobeoka City»

14th Annual “Miyazaki -From the Outside Looking In” Art Festival Traveling Exhibition

The art exhibition “Miyazaki-From the Outside Looking In,” which was held on the CARINO Miyazaki in December, 2019, will be displayed in Nobeoka City.

- ◇Date & Time: 2/25 (Tue) to 2/28 (Fri)
◇Location: Nobeoka City Hall 1st Floor Citizen's Space
◇Inquiries: Nobeoka International Exchange Promotion Office, General Affairs Department
Tel: 0982-22-7006



Free distribution of old books and magazines

The International Plaza will be giving away old publications such as “DAILY YOMIURI”. Copies are limited, so please drop by early and have a look.



- ◇Date & Time: 2/12 (Wed) -
◇Location: CARINO Miyazaki B1F
Miyazaki Prefecture International Plaza

February Event



Event	Date & Time	Venue	Contact
Kōrinbai Matsuri	2/8(Sat) - 2/9(Sun) 10:00 am - 3:00 pm	Kōrinbai plum grove, Aoshima Nature and Recreation Village (Aoshima Shizen Kyūyō-son) Miyazaki City	Miyazaki-shi Kibana Chīki Sentā 0985-58-1111
Getchibai Ume Matsuri	2/8(Sat) - 2/24 (Mon, Holiday) Main event 2/16(Sun)	Getchibai Kōen Miyazaki City	Miyazaki Prefectural Government, Takaoka General Branch Office (Sōgō Shisho) 0985-82-1111
Nobeoka Tōka Ebisu	2/10(Mon) - 2/11(Tue. Holiday) 10:00 am ~	Imayama Ebisu-jinja, Nobeoka City	Imayama Ebisu-jinja 0982-21-4525
Unamazijō Taisai	2/16(Sun) - 2/18(Tue) 8:30 am - 5:00 pm	Zenchō-ji, Misato Town	Misato-cho Kitago Branch Office (Shisho) 0982-62-6201
Aya Hinayama Matsuri	2/22(Sat) - 3/3(Tue) 9:00 am - 5:00 pm Main event 3/1(Sun)	Chūō-dōri (Central Shopping Area) Aya Town	Aya Town Local Businesses Association (Shōkōkai) 0985-77-0017

An Englishman in Miyazaki



Miyazaki Prefecture CIR
Marsh Graham

“Chocolates, Roses and a Sharp Pain in the Wallet”

Hi everyone! Are you weathering the cold okay? This time of year, many young men in the UK are faintly worried by the approach of the dreaded February non-holiday on the 14th: Valentine's day! They celebrate it a little differently back home - rather than women giving chocolates to male coworkers (and the appearance of utterly heartbreaking giri-choco), in the UK, men are expected to take their significant others out for an expensive meal, buy flowers and presents, and generally make a showy romantic gesture. This doesn't come cheap - the price of roses increases by a couple hundred percent around Valentine's day, and restaurants are booked up for months in advance, even after inflating their prices! Even worse, though, is the social stigma associated with being unable to find a date on Valentine's day. 男はつらいよ! (“Sometimes it's tough to be a man!”)

